

**West Virginia Department of Health and Human Resources
Division of Tuberculosis Elimination
TB Testing Criteria**

Mantoux skin test (PPD) is indicated for:

- Persons who are homeless
- Persons who have visited a foreign country with endemic TB for > 2 months
- Persons who have lived in a foreign country with endemic TB
- Children in the Early Periodic Screening, Diagnosis and Treatment (EPSDT) Program
- Persons required to have TB test by WV law (first entering personnel or volunteer, or a student, personnel or volunteer who transfers to a WV school from outside the state border and does not have a documented TST or IGRA result within the previous four months)
- Persons with Diabetes Mellitus
- Persons with Silicosis and/or Black Lung Disease
- Persons with a history of intestinal bypass or gastrectomy surgery
- Persons with malabsorption syndrome

IGRA (T-Spot) is to be used for:

- Persons who are foreign born
- Persons who have had BCG vaccine
- Persons who are HIV infected

IGRA (T-Spot) may be used for:

- Persons who are a known or suspect contact to an active case of TB
- Persons with symptoms of TB
- Persons on/or preparing to undergo immunocompromising therapies (i.e., long term steroid use, treatment for rheumatoid arthritis, etc.)
- Persons with an impaired immune system (using nursing judgment)

The only persons eligible for use of WV-DTBE supplied testing material are listed above. Any TST or IGRA done outside the above stated parameters is the responsibility of the administering health department unless you have written Prior Approval (PA) for unique situations from WV-DTBE personnel.

Persons presenting for serial testing for employment, education, or a food handler's card with an identified risk (i.e. foreign-born, medical risk) will have their initial T-Spot or TST cost covered by WV-DTBE. Subsequent required serial testing will be at the expense of the patient, the ordering organization or the LHD.

High risk testing, funded by WV-DTBE, is not to be charged an administrative fee as this is considered a barrier to service.